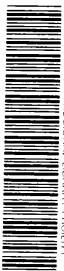


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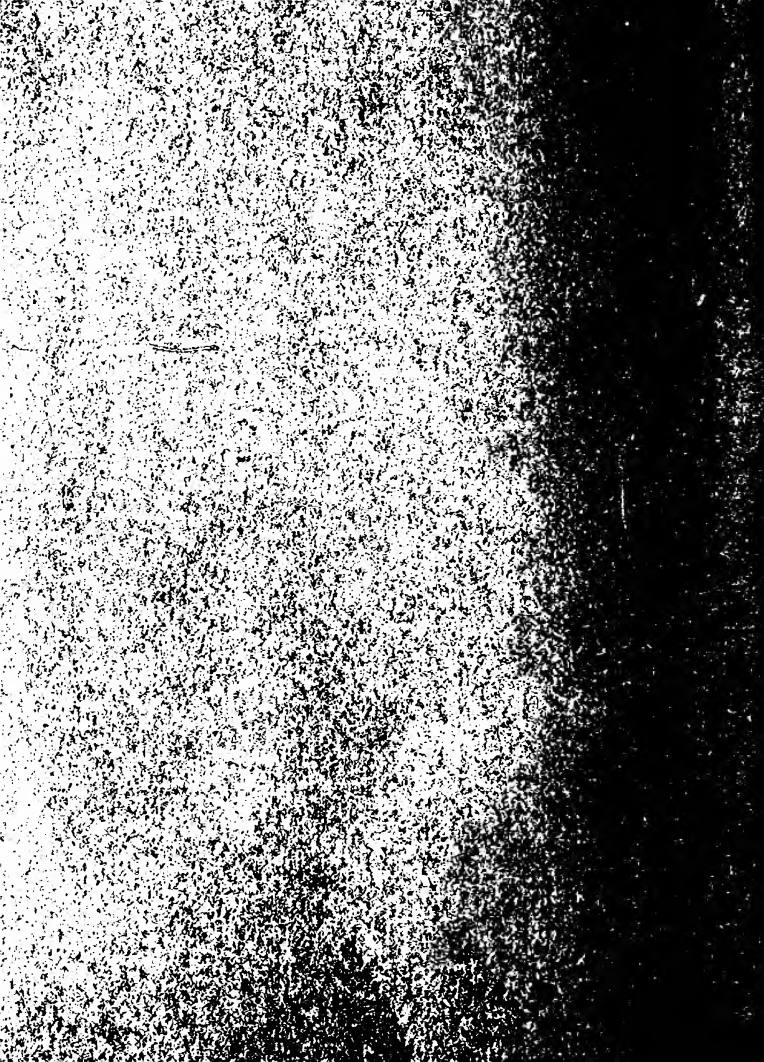
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THE CYNIC'S RULES OF CONDUCT

O to the Aunt, thou
 sluggard, and offer her
ten off on your legacy for spot
cash.

THE difference between a bad
 break and a *faux pas* in-
dicates the kind of society you
are in.

THE CYNIC'S

HEN alone in Paris
behave as if all the world
were your mother-in-law.



RULES OF CONDUCT

REMEMBER, too, that perhaps you are not the sort of husband that Father used to make.

YOU may refer to her cheeks as roses, but the man who sends her American beauties will leave you at the post.

THE CYNIC'S

woman should dress to
make men covetous and
women envious.



RULES OF CONDUCT

VEN Cupid crosses his fingers at what he hears by moonlight.

FTER marriage you may speak of her temper; but during courtship you had better refer to it as temperament.

THE CYNIC'S

HEN dinners entice thee
consent thou not.



RULES OF CONDUCT

HE position of the hostess should be at the doorway of the drawing-room to receive her guests. The position of her husband should be at his office desk making the money to pay for the blow-out.

T is safer to do business with jailbirds than with relatives.

T H E C Y N I C ' S

DISCUSS family scandals
before the servants. We
should always be kind to the
lower classes.



RULES OF CONDUCT

WHEN children paw a visitor's gown with their candied fingers the proper observation for the mother to make is: "My children are so affectionate."

PRIMAND your servants before your guests. It shows your authority.

THE CYNIC'S

HE chief duty of the best man is to prevent the groom from escaping before the ceremony.



RULES OF CONDUCT

IN marching up the aisle to the altar the bride carries either a bunch of flowers or a prayer book. Her father carries a bunch of money or a cheque book.

ON returning from the altar be careful not to step on the bride's train. There's trouble enough ahead without that.

THE CYNIC'S

ON'T blow your own
horn when you can get
some one else to blow it for you.



RULES OF CONDUCT

KEEP your servants in good humor, if you can—but keep your servants.

OUR conduct in an elevator should be governed by circumstances. Should the lady's husband remove his hat keep yours on. Should he fail to remove it, take your hat off. This will embarrass him.

THE CYNIC'S

EVER put in the collection box less than ten per cent. of the amount you tip your waiter at luncheon.



RULES OF CONDUCT

T afternoon funerals wear a frock coat and top hat. Should the funeral be your own, the hat may be dispensed with.

T is never in good taste to indulge in personal pleasantries, such as referring to a lady's artificial teeth as her collection of porcelains.

THE CYNIC'S

BEWARE of the man who
never buys a gold brick.
The chances are that he sells
them.



RULES OF CONDUCT

INDORSE checks about two inches from the end. Don't indorse notes at all.

NO house should be without its guest-chamber. Besides giving one's home an air of hospitality, it makes an admirable store-room for dilapidated furniture and unspeakable pictures.

T H E C Y N I C ' S

HERE is only one worse
break than asking a woman
her age: it is looking incred-
ulous when she tells it.



RULES OF CONDUCT

It is not good form to rehearse your domestic difficulties in public, but it is mighty interesting to your auditors.

EVER leave a guest alone for a moment. Force your entertainment upon him even if you have to use chloroform.

THE CYNIC'S

If you would have a serene
old age never woo a girl
who keeps a diary.



RULES OF CONDUCT

WHEN you are inclined to be haughty, remember that a cook in the kitchen is worth two in the employment office.

chef is a cook who gets a salary instead of wages.

THE CYNIC'S

It is better form for a bride
to take her wedding journey
with the groom than with the
coachman.



RULES OF CONDUCT

UNDER no circumstances associate with persons who wear detachable cuffs. Such men are usually trying to get rich at the expense of the washerwoman.

WHEN crossing the Atlantic no gentleman will rock the boat.

THE CYNIC'S

TAKE care of the luxuries
and the necessities will
take care of themselves.



RULES OF CONDUCT

HOSE who live in glass houses should be polite to reporters.

HEN in a hurry to get to the poor house, take the road that leads through the bucket shop and passes the race track.

T H E C Y N I C ' S

CONDENSED milk should
be used in a small flat.



RULES OF CONDUCT

CELL your rich relations
how fast you are making
money—your poor ones, how
fast you are losing it.

IN taking soup try not to give
others the impression that the
plumbing is out of order.

THE CYNIC'S

HEN giving a studio tea,
remember that there
should be soft lights and hard
drinks.



RULES OF CONDUCT

SCHEW the race-track
and the roulette table.
Faro is a squarer game than
either.

BEWARE of indiscriminate
charity. You will never get
your name in the paper by giving
a tramp the price of a meal.

THE CYNIC'S

BEFORE marriage the fashionable tint for eye-glasses is rose; after marriage smoked glasses should be worn.



RULES OF CONDUCT

F you would make a lifelong friend of a man who lives in a hall bedroom, accuse him of leading a double life.

O sportsman will shoot craps during the closed season.

THE CYNIC'S

COMPLIMENTS paid a
woman behind her back
go farthest and are remembered
longest.



RULES OF CONDUCT

void having business relations with a man whose I. O. U. is not as good as his note; but take his note by preference.

WHEN playing poker, it is as bad form to wear a coat as it is to be shy.

THE CYNIC'S

HE father gives the bride
away, but the small brother
would like to.



RULES OF CONDUCT

IN the best society it is considered snobbish to wear a disguise when entertaining country cousins. Simply take them to places where you will not encounter your friends.

AT the tables of the very wealthy, brook trout have given place to gold fish.

THE CYNIC'S

O get on in society a
woman should cultivate
repose—and a few prominent
social leaders.



RULES OF CONDUCT

WHEN angry count ten before you speak. When "touched" count one thousand before you lend.

ON entering a crowded car, a lady should leave the door open. It is quite permissible for her to appropriate the seat of the man who gets up to close it.

THE CYNIC'S

If your friend asks you to lend him your evening clothes, hide your toothbrush without delay.



RULES OF CONDUCT

EVER leave the price tag on the present, unless it is a very expensive present.

T a formal dinner the hostess should see that raw oyster forks should be placed alongside the plates. If she hasn't any raw oyster forks she may use cooked ones.

T H E C Y N I C ' S

YOU should bear in mind
that to be kind to your
employees, it is not absolutely
essential that you kiss the
stenographer every morning.



RULES OF CONDUCT

IF you would be thought a fool, play with a loaded pistol; if a knave, with loaded dice.

LET the reign of your summer girl be no longer than her bathing suit.

T H E C Y N I C ' S

T is coarse for a divorcée to refer to her ex-husband as the late Mr. So-and-So. She should speak of him as, "My husband once removed."



RULES OF CONDUCT

VERY investor should have a ward. A ward's estate is a great convenience in unloading financial indiscretions.

VOID church fairs. It hurts less to be stung by the Scoffers than by the Faithful.

T H E C Y N I C ' S

PEOPLE who think that newspaper advertisements are not read should watch a man sitting in a street car where women are standing.



RULES OF CONDUCT

AT a formal dinner, one may serve five different wines; but no indifferent ones.

WHEN in the street with a lady, a gentleman should not light a cigarette unless the lady does.

T H E C Y N I C ' S

man will let go his religion
before he parts with his
respectability.



RULES OF CONDUCT

N engagement ring should not be passed around like "the buck" in a poker game. "New girl, new ring," is the rule in select society.

RESSES that look as if they had set the wearer's father back more than \$100 should always be referred to as "frocks."

THE CYNIC'S

ADIES should not wear
garden hose except at
garden parties.



RULES OF CONDUCT

EN will lose their reputations as gay deceivers when women are less willing to be deceived.

HEN at a wedding breakfast try to remember that you will probably have other opportunities of drinking champagne.

THE CYNIC'S

REMEMBER that your
wife's wardrobe is the
Bradstreet in which women look
for your rating



RULES OF CONDUCT

ONE of the joys of wealth
is the right to preach the
virtues of poverty.

AT a wedding married women
cry because they've been
through it and unmarried women
for fear they won't.

THE CYNIC'S

If a man's worth doing at
all, he's worth doing well.



RULES OF CONDUCT

HEN you end a letter
“Please Burn This,” post
it in the fireplace.

HEN you start out to “do”
Wall Street buy a return
ticket.

THE CYNIC'S

EVER refer to your in-
disposition as *mal de coeur*
when it is *mal de liqueur*.



RULES OF CONDUCT

URGE your wife of bargain-shopping and you will have more money for bucket-shopping.

ENCOURAGE your husband to go to his club. Otherwise, you will miss a lot of gossip that you can use in your business.

THE CYNIC'S

HE mother-in-law joke was invented by a bachelor. To the married man the mother-in-law is no joke.



RULES OF CONDUCT

It is not good form for a young girl to go to the theatre with a gentleman, unaccompanied by a chaperone. On the other hand, it is not good fun for her to go to the theatre with a chaperone, unaccompanied by a gentleman.

THE CYNIC'S

O gentleman will strut
about his club with his
hat on. There is no rule, how-
ever, against his having a jag on.



RULES OF CONDUCT

HEN you step on a lady's toes make some off-hand remark about her feet being too small to be seen. This is older than the cave dwellers; but it still works.

HEN organizing a friendly poker party, don't invite friends.

T H E C Y N I C ' S

ETTLE an allowance on
your wife and you'll always
know where to borrow money.



RULES OF CONDUCT

STRICT convention decrees that if a young girl accepts from a man any gift more valuable than sweets, flowers or tips on the races, she shall not mention the fact to her mother.

corkscrew is not the only symbol of hospitality.

THE CYNIC'S

WHEN you catch your caller kissing the maid, remind her that the kitchen is the proper place to entertain her friends.



RULES OF CONDUCT

ON'T forget to tell her that she's "not like other girls." It always works, whether you spring it on the belle of the village, the girl with a hare lip or the bearded lady at the circus.

PAGHETTI should be eaten only in the bath-tub.

T H E C Y N I C ' S

If you *must* have your hand held, go to a manicure.



RULES OF CONDUCT

THE difference between bigamy and divorce is the difference between driving a double hitch and driving tandem.

EVER tell secrets to women.

If you must talk about them, buy a megaphone.

THE CYNIC'S

ON'T tell a girl that she
looks best when wearing
a veil. She may not understand
what you mean.



RULES OF CONDUCT

TAKE your servants into your confidence. You'll always get a lot of interesting information about your neighbors.

IT is a mistake to regard your linen as the leopard does his spots.

THE CYNIC'S

OME girls want a home wedding; most girls want a church wedding; all girls want a wedding.



RULES OF CONDUCT

IF you use the same solitaire for the second engagement, don't refer to it as killing two birds with one stone.

ULTIMATE cheerfulness in your household; money makes the *mère* go.

THE CYNIC'S

T Sunday night bridge parties no really nice girl will cheat.



RULES OF CONDUCT

THE way to save doctor's
bills is not to pay them.
Only a specialist would think
of suing you.

HEN you see a girl drown-
ing, look before you leap.

THE CYNIC'S

N your way to the altar,
do not wear the expres-
sion of a man Mendelssohning
into the jaws of death. Try to
look as if your salary had just
been raised.



RULES OF CONDUCT

EBUTANTES should never attend prize fights unchaperoned.

Not paying your fare always take your time. It annoys the conductor.

T H E C Y N I C ' S

Y S T E R S are served after
cocktails, soup after oysters,
game after decomposition sets in.



RULES OF CONDUCT

HEN choosing a wife
shut your eyes; it's a
sporting chance, because after
all your wife is choosing you.

HE man who buys a gold
brick hates to feel lonesome.

T H E C Y N I C ' S

HE race is not always to
the swift, though the smart
set thinks it is.



RULES OF CONDUCT

WHEN attending an afternoon tea or musicale do not forget to leave a card. The social standing of your hostess determines whether it shall be a face card or a twospot.

BESIDES leaving a card, leave all the small articles of value that you may find lying about in the dressing room.

THE CYNIC'S

It is not necessary to throw rice at a departing bride and groom. The cab is already full of mush.



RULES OF CONDUCT

IN proposing to a girl always refer to your own unworthiness. She won't believe it at the time nor will you a few years later.

WEET are the uses of adversity to the gentlemen who conduct loan offices.

T H E C Y N I C ' S

HEN matching dollars,
remember that two heads
are better than one.



RULES OF CONDUCT

T automobile funerals, the chauffeurs should be directed to play the Dead March on the French tooters. The effect is very refined.

RUG store beauty isn't even skin-deep.

THE CYNIC'S

ON'T enter into a gentleman's agreement, if you're a gentleman.



RULES OF CONDUCT

ILD oats make poor
breakfast-food.

T is always good form to talk
about nausea when caused
by seasickness; but never other-
wise.

THE CYNIC'S

HEN your face is too
full for utterance speak
to her only with your eyes.



RULES OF CONDUCT

HOW kindness to your creditors, but not unremitting kindness.

USPECT the man who wants only a small loan; a little touch is a dangerous thing.

THE CYNIC'S

ON'T marry for money;
but never let money stand
between a girl and her happiness.



RULES OF CONDUCT

“ CONSERVATIVE dressers,”
as the tailors call them,
have discarded the night-cap
except for internal use.

HEN in Rome do the
Romans.

THE CYNIC'S

ON'T buy for your
daughter a Count that is
likely to turn out a discount.



RULES OF CONDUCT

AT, drink and be merry,
for to-morrow you may
be married.

It is not good form to congratulate a girl friend upon her engagement. Simply remark, "So you landed him at last."

THE CYNIC'S

AY no obvious compliments. A beautiful woman has her mirror.



RULES OF CONDUCT

If you can afford the right
sort of lawyer you won't
need any Rules of Conduct.

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